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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims **54**, **61**, **62** and **67** of record in this instant application as and enter new Claim **70** follows:

54. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting handset unit data via wireless communication methods to a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- b) receiving data by handset unit via wireless communication methods from the portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- c) using said wireless transmitting handset unit to communicate data selectively to and from [either one of the following:] the portable local communication base unit [or] and an external wide area network, and
- d) communicating said transmitting and receiving handset unit data for computer use and for bi-directional communication.

55. (Previously Canceled)

56. (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is configured to a personal digital assistant (PDA) having functions in addition to typical handset communication functions.

57. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is [configured to] a cellular telephone unit.

58. (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the handset communicates with multiple handset units or earset units.

59. (Previously Canceled)

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60. (Previously Presented) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used to access the Internet via the portable local communication base unit.

61. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is configured to function as a hands free speakerphone-like operation, wherein a user has an option to speak toward a microphone located on the handset unit, [at] wherein the [a] distance from the user's mouth is substantially larger than a conventional telephone handset.

62. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) communicating bi-directional wireless handset unit data for wireless data networking with a portable base unit and for wirelessly communicating data selectively to and from the portable base unit and an external wide area network;
- b) transmitting wireless radio frequency (RF) data from the handset unit to said portable base unit;
- c) receiving by handset unit wireless radio frequency (RF) data from said portable base unit; and
- d) communicating said handset unit data from steps (a), [and] (b) and (c) for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay said data to and from an external wide area network.

63. (Previously Canceled)

64. (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is configured to data networking functions communicating with one or more handset units forming a local area network.

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- 65.** (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which the handset unit is configured to communicate with said external wide area network, wherein the external wide area network is substantially the Internet.
- 66.** (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which functions of said handset unit are alternatively performed by an earset unit .
- 67.** (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is [configured to function as] a wireless cellular telephone unit.
- 68.** (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is configured to send and receive e-mail via said external wide area network .
- 69.** (Previously Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is configured to communicate voice and/or audio information.
- 70.** (New Claim) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, wherein the transmitting and receiving handset unit wireless data is for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay said data to and from an external wide area network.